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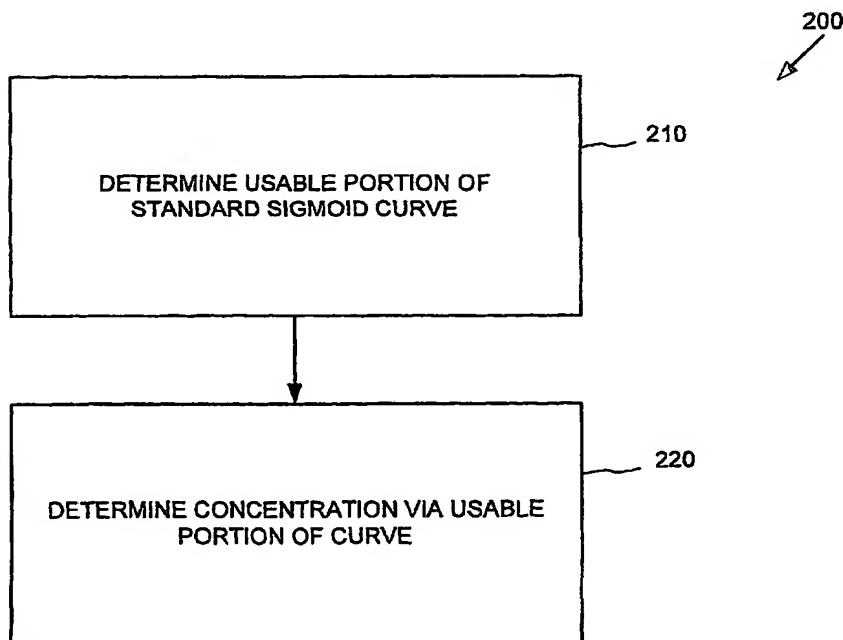
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(57) Abstract: A usable portion or threshold of a sigmoid curve (210) is found for determining the concentration or presence of a substrate in a test sample (220).



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